

***“We are Church, We Are Called”
Proclaiming-Reforming-Celebrating***

Worship to Commemorate Women’s Ordination in the Lutheran Church
November 22 at 5:00PM
via Zoom and streamed live to YouTube

Preaching: The Reverend Leila Ortiz, Bishop, Metro Washington DC Synod

50 years ago...

On November 22, 1970, Elizabeth Platz became the first woman ordained in the LCA and in all the Lutheran denominations in America.

40 years ago...

In the LCA, the first women of color ordained within their individual racial groups were Lydia Rivera Kalb and Earlean Miller (1979), and Asha George-Guiser (1982); in the ALC, they were Kwang Ja Yu (1985), Maria-Alma Copeland and Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo (1987).

10 years ago...

Ruth Frost and Phyllis Zillhart, a lesbian couple, were the first to be extraordinarily ordained; twenty years later, in 2010, they were added to the ELCA roster in a “Rite of Reception” that included Anita Hill.

[The primary resource for this data: “50 Years On: A Half Century of Ordaining Lutheran Women” (<https://pages.stolaf.edu/lutheranwomensordination/>)]
